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3.C Government & Services

This section of the Plan addresses State of Wisconsin statutory requirements for the utilities and community facilities, inter-governmental cooperation, and implementation elements of a comprehensive plan.



Government & Services

This section includes:

1. **Government and Services Data**

- **Hard Data:** What is the current state of government and services in the City?
- **Community Input:** What are people saying about government and services in the City?
- **City Plans and Policies:** What existing plans and policies impact government and services in the City?

2. **Government and Services Themes:** How does the data inform government in the City?

3. **Government and Services Policy Framework:**
What are the City’s government and services goals and how will they be achieved?

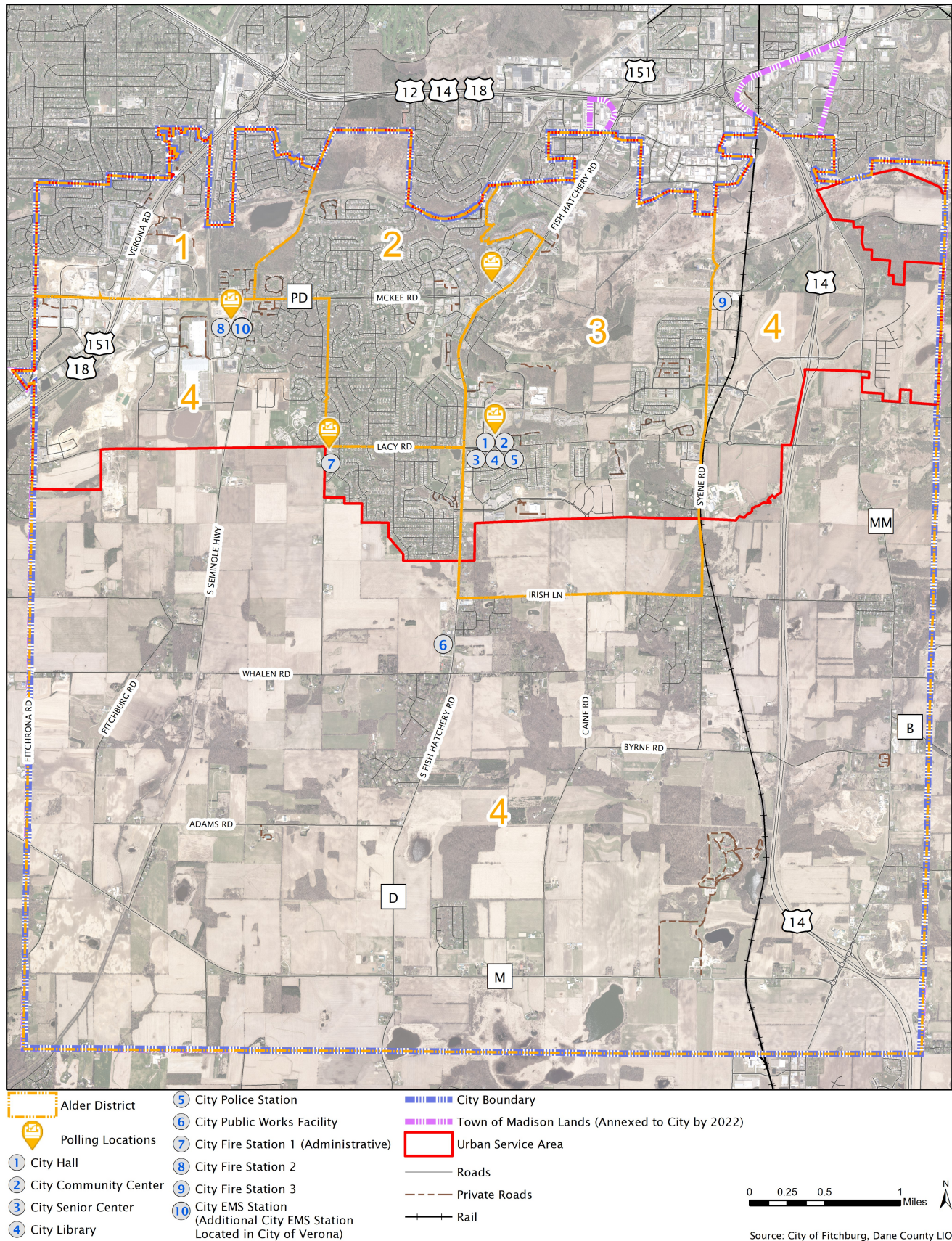
Government & Services Data

Government and services data presented includes:

1. **Hard Data:** Map and inventory of government facilities and services owned, managed, or provided by the following:
 - City
 - Non-City
 - Cooperative (City and Non-City)
2. **Community Input:** Summary of government and services input gathered from City residents via a public opinion survey and public meetings, as well as input from various City committees
3. **City Plans and Policies:** Inventory of existing City plans and policies (including ordinances and committees) that impact government and services in the City

Hard Data

Map 3.C.1: Government & Services



Facilities and Services

City (see Map 2.C.1 for further detail)

Administration	City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road
Recreation	City Parks System and City Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road
Senior Citizen	City Senior Center, 5510 Lacy Road
Education	City Library, 5530 Lacy Road
Maintenance	City Public Works Facility, 2373 S. Fish Hatchery Road
Police	City Police Station, 5520 Lacy Road
Fire	City Fire Station 1: 5791 Lacy Road (administrative) City Fire Station 2: 2931 Marketplace Dr. City Fire Station 3: 2950 S. Syene Road Oregon provides service to the southeast corner of the City.
EMS	City EMS (Fitch-Rona) Station 1: 101 Lincoln St., Verona City EMS (Fitch-Rona) Station 1: 2931 Marketplace Dr., Fitchburg These services are provided to the City, City of Verona, and Town of Verona.

Needs Assessment: 2020 to 2040

Administration	The City’s current administration facilities are sufficient for the foreseeable future.
Recreation	The City continues to add and improve new parkland, and improve existing parklands, as population increases. The City is also exploring opportunities/partnerships to develop “neighborhood-center” type facilities in applicable areas.
Senior Citizen and Education	The City’s current senior center and library facilities are sufficient for the foreseeable future.
Maintenance	The City’s current maintenance facilities are sufficient for the foreseeable future.
Police	The City is currently exploring the potential to construct a stand-alone public safety building.
Fire and EMS	The City recently completed construction of a new Fire Station 1 (2017) and Fire Station 2 (2019). Station 1 houses EMS as well.

Non-City

The following identifies various facilities owned and managed by entities other than the City. Services at these facilities are not provided by City staff:

Child care
19 licensed child care facilities
Health care
UW Health Fitchburg Clinic, 5543 E. Chery Pkwy (full-service clinic)
Group Health Cooperative, 3051 Cahill Main (full-service clinic)
Regional hospitals: Unity Point Health-Meriter Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, UW Health Hospital
Corrections
Oregon Correctional Center, 5140 County Highway M (110-bed, State minimum security facility/farm)
Oakhill Correctional Institution, 5212 County Highway M (300 bed, State minimum security facility for medically-impaired)
SPRITE House, 4986 County Highway M (State facility providing skills training):

Cooperative (City and Non-City)

The City also works with various other governmental entities to provide services, including educational institutions, school districts, and other entities as listed below:

Dane County	State of Wisconsin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Area Regional Plan Commission • Clerks Departments • Land Water Resources Department • Planning and Development Department • Department of Human Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Agriculture • Department of Health and Human Services • Department of Natural Resources • Department of Transportation • Economic Development Corporation

The City has an inter-governmental agreement with both the City of Madison and Town of Madison, regarding Town dissolution by 2022. This agreement is hereby incorporated in to this Plan as Appendix C.

Community Input

The following summarizes government and services input gathered from the community, including City residents and committees, via a public opinion survey and public meetings:

- Good balance of urban and rural character
- Resident demographic diversity is appreciated
- City lacks identity
- More transparency desired
- More objectivity and standards needed in development review
- Overall satisfaction with sense of “community”, services provided, and public safety in the City

City Plans & Policies

The following identifies various existing City plans and policies (including ordinances and committees) that impact government and services in the City:

Budget (Adopted: Annual)

Capital Improvement Plan (Adopted: Annual)

Common Council



Fitchburg’s City Hall, Community Center, Senior Center, Police Station, and Library are all located at the City Campus, close to the Lacy Road/Fish Hatchery Road intersection.

Government & Services Themes

The following identifies common government and services themes as gleaned from analysis of the various government data pieces, including “hard”, City resident and Committee feedback, and existing City plans and policies.

Transparency and Engagement

The City should continue to develop open and accessible communication and collaboration channels between its staff, elected/appointed officials, and all City residents and businesses.

Collaboration

The City should continue to work with its residents/businesses, other governmental units, and the private development sector to maintain existing and develop new services.

Efficiency

The City should continue to provide existing and new services, and allocate them in a timely, organized, and proportional manner.

Economy

The City should continue to provide existing and new services, and allocate them in a fiscally responsible manner.

Quality

The City should continue to provide existing and new services and allocate them at a high-level and in a manner desired by its customers.

Flexibility

The City should explore development of mechanisms to allow for land use planning documents to accommodate unforeseen, desirable, and appropriate development opportunities.

Government & Services Policy Framework

The following identifies a policy framework for Growing Fitchburg’s Government Services from 2020 to 2030, including the following:

- 1. Growth Principles
- 2. Goals, Objectives, & Policies

Growth Principles



Sustainable



Vibrant



Equitable



Cooperative

Goals, Objectives & Policies

Goal 1: Locate and maintain public facilities and services so as to encourage compact growth, neighborhood revitalization, active lifestyles, energy conservation, and sustainable neighborhood design.

Objective 1.1: Provide public facilities in a cost-effective manner and build them to a high standard of architectural quality and energy efficiency.

Policy 1.1.1: Build facilities that can serve more than one purpose, when feasible and space is available.

Policy 1.1.2: Construct and maintain facilities to the highest efficient and economical level of quality possible to demonstrate to the private sector the expressed desire for an improved developed environment.

Policy 1.1.3: Provide facilities and services with the intention of promoting compact, orderly urban growth and neighborhood revitalization.

Policy 1.1.4: Provide facilities designed and built to the latest green building standards with an emphasis on conservation of energy.

Policy 1.1.5: Formulate and adopt minimum green building design standards for new public facilities.

Policy 1.1.6: Continue the 10-year capital improvements program that sets priorities for competing public needs and which can be funded from available fiscal resources.

Goals, Objectives & Policies

Policy 1.1.7: Continue to explore opportunities and partnerships to develop “neighborhood-center” type facilities in relevant City neighborhoods.

Goal 2: Engage in mutually beneficial intergovernmental relations with local and overlapping governments or agencies to reduce or resolve conflicts.

Objective 2.1: Continue the exchange of information about regional issues and build interpersonal relationships that promote communication.

Policy 2.1.1: Re-establish monthly or bi-monthly meetings with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission and planners and zoning administrators from the regional cities, villages, and towns to discuss a predetermined subject.

Policy 2.1.2: Provide a copy of this Comprehensive Plan to all surrounding local and regional governments, and stay current with Comprehensive Plan updates from municipalities that are adjacent to the City.

Policy 2.1.3: Continue to work with relevant federal, state and regional Agencies in implementing policy.

Policy 2.1.4: Continue discussions with Madison Metropolitan Area, Oregon, and Verona Area school districts regarding future development, population projections, and potential locations for new schools.

Policy 2.1.5: Work with the local higher educational facilities in matching workforce needs.

Objective 2.2: Share public resources and regional planning that have cross-jurisdictional implications.

Policy 2.2.1: Work with Dane County and the surrounding towns, cities, and villages on implementation of regional transportation and land use plans.

Policy 2.2.2: Continue to assist Dane County on surface and ground water management plans.

Policy 2.2.3: Work in partnership with Dane County to enhance and create efficiencies in geographic information system data.

Goals, Objectives & Policies

Policy 2.2.4: Continue to participate in intergovernmental agreements for mutual fire/police response.

Policy 2.2.5: Continue to explore opportunities for providing public facilities and services by multiple local units of government.

Objective 2.3: Encourage land use and transportation plans in adjacent towns, cities and villages that are consistent with the objectives of this Plan.

Policy 2.3.1: Encourage the Towns of Dunn, Oregon and Verona to plan for agriculture and open space preservation adjoining similarly planned agriculture and open space preservation land uses in the City.

Policy 2.3.2: Utilize the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction to guide site design, land use, and appearance of development within the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction in a manner that forwards the recommendations of this Plan.

Policy 2.3.3: Be cognizant of agriculture and open space uses planned by towns near the City's planned development areas by mitigating impacts of development on those adjoining agriculture and open space areas.

Policy 2.3.4: Communicate with nearby cities and villages to establish areas of community separation.

Objective 2.4: Practice methods of resolving intergovernmental disputes that are efficient, friendly and mutually beneficial.

Policy 2.4.1: Maintain open relationships with neighboring jurisdictions to build trust among staff and elected/appointed officials, share information, cooperate on issues of mutual interest or concern, and identify and resolve potential conflicts at an early stage.

Policy 2.4.2: Use cooperative planning, negotiation, and mediation to resolve intergovernmental disputes prior to using legal action.